

State Broadband Outreach

Economic Development & Workforce Services
Interim Committee

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Utah Broadband Center 2010 – 2018

- **2010 - Awarded 5-year federal grant**
 - Statewide broadband availability map
 - Statewide broadband plan
- **2011 - Established Broadband Advisory Council**
 - Broadband providers
 - Federal, state, tribal, and local government entities
 - Educational, healthcare, and industry organizations
 - Non-profits

Additionally, fulfills a statute to receive federal dollars for UDOT



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Today: Utah Broadband Outreach

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- Awarded ~ \$30 million /USDA funds for rural broadband infrastructure
- Governor endorsed updated 5-year broadband plan
- Public wifi availability map
- Statewide initiative to increase broadband access and adoption
- ORD Co-working and Innovation Center Grant / 10 rural centers



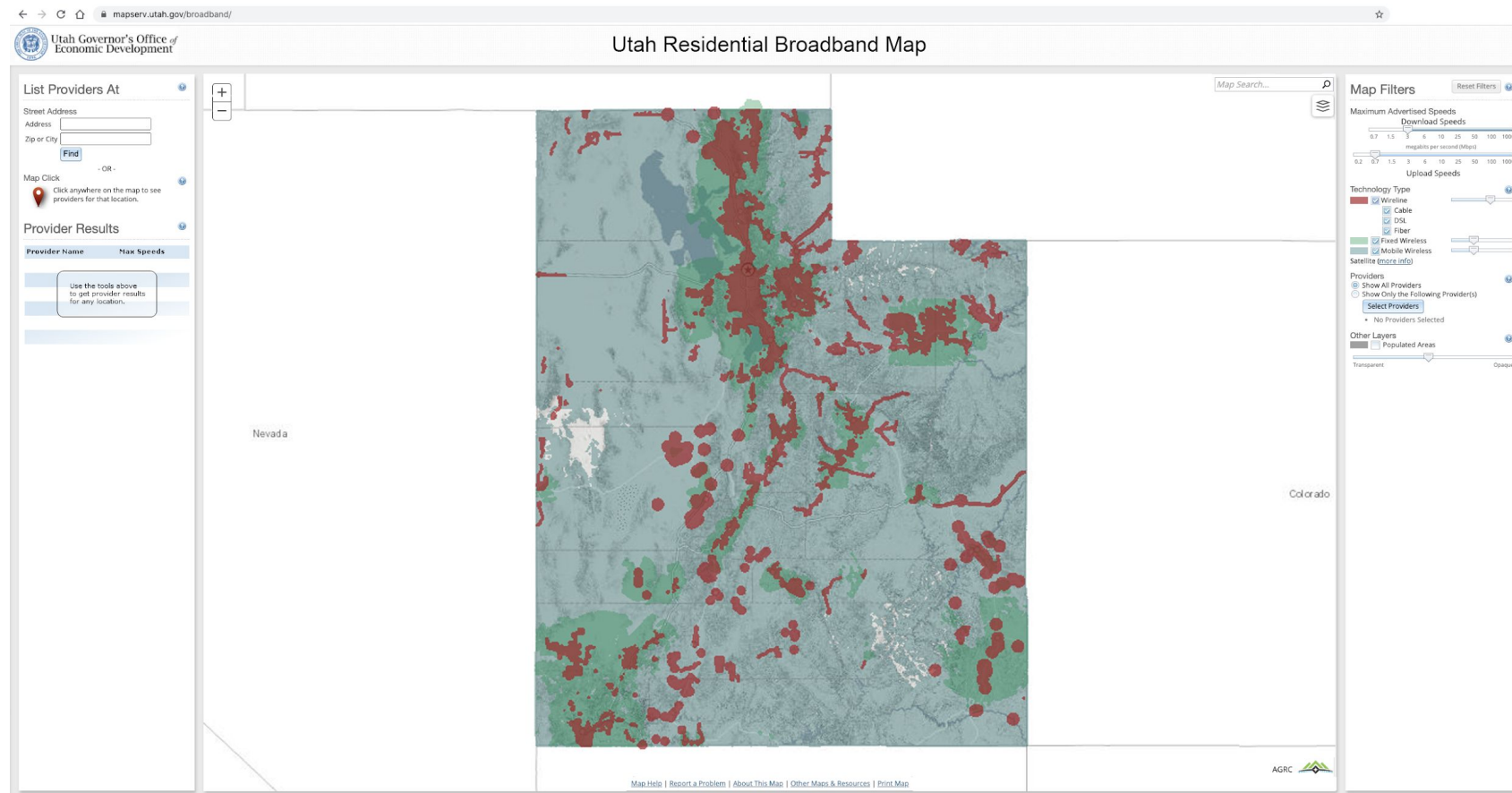
Economic Development Map

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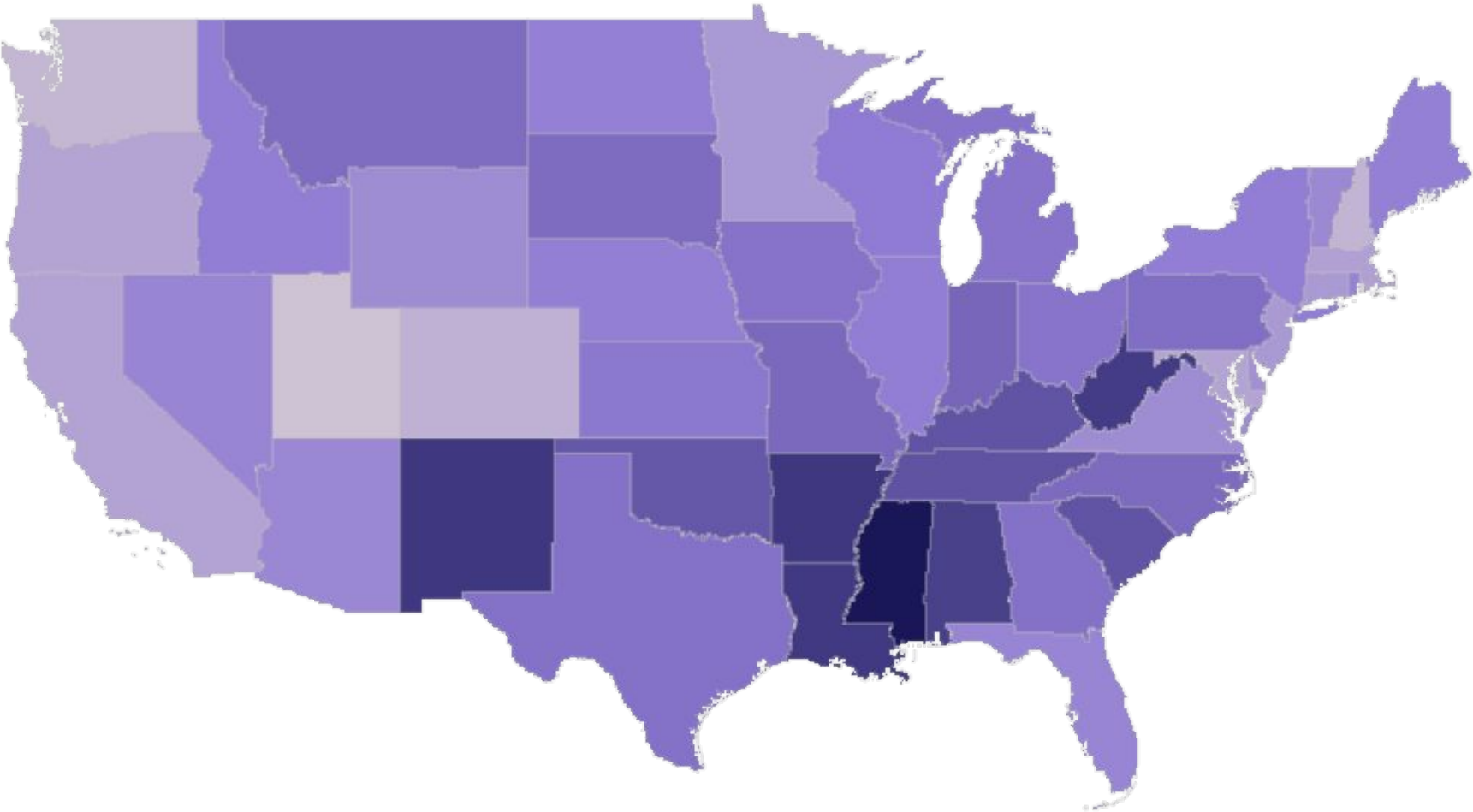
Residential Broadband AvailabilityMap

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Internet Connectivity Variables by state

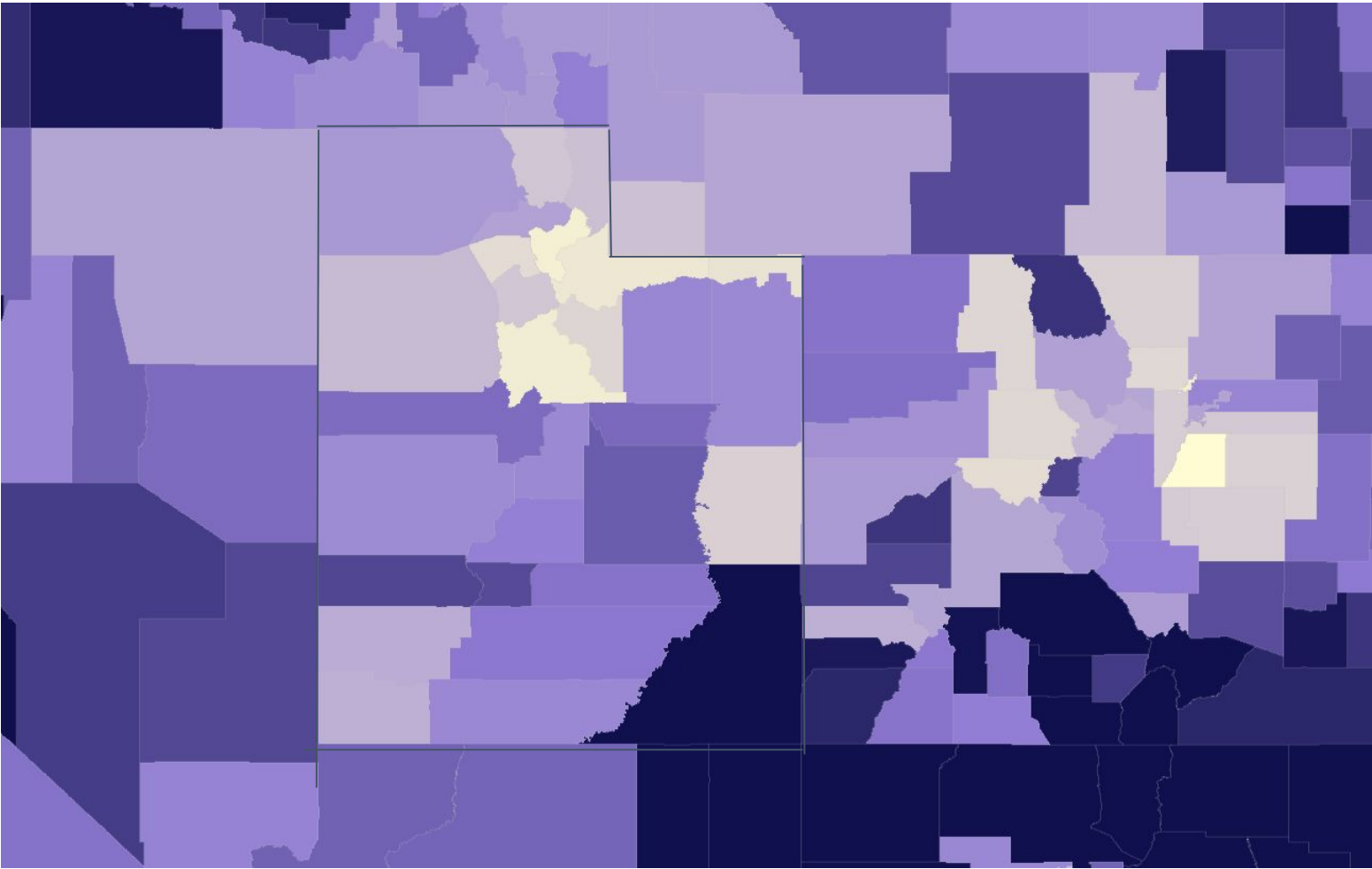
Percent of Utah Households with
No Internet Connection: 9.2



2018 U.S. Census American Community Survey

Internet Connectivity Variables by county

Percent of Households with
No Internet Access

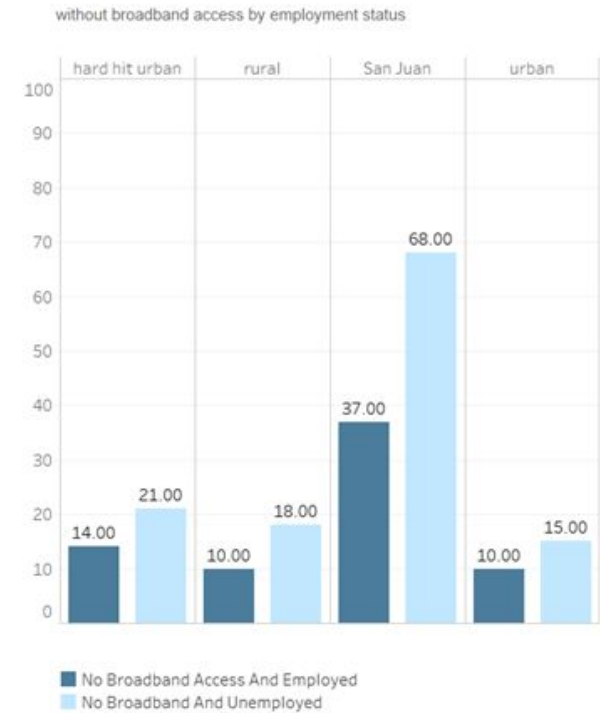


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Utah Broadband Statistics

- 10.8% of households statewide are without broadband internet
- 2% more rural households without broadband vs urban
- 15.8% statewide unemployed are without broadband

U.S. Census/American Communities Survey - 2018



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